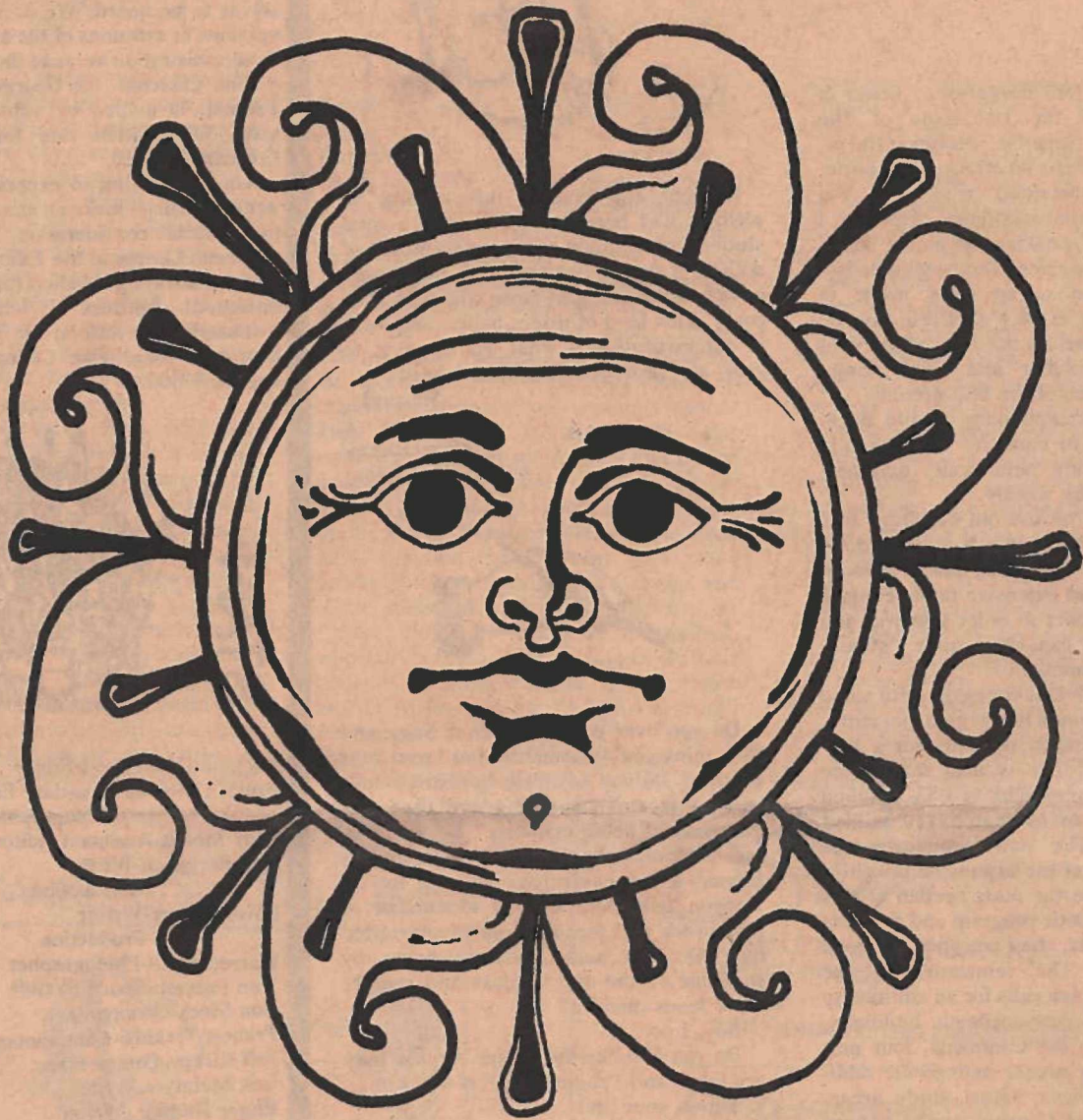


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**CRESCENT**

# letters to the editor



Dear Editor:

When I read Dan Berggren's "Letter to the Editor" in the last issue of *The Crescent*, I felt surprise, disappointment, and shame. It seems he attacked the issue, not through substantial, true facts, but through a distorted emotional response. I respect him for speaking out on the issue, but not for his apparent short-sightedness.

He attempted to be very noble in commenting on faculty salaries, but he doesn't have the facts. The salaries of faculty are growing and their fringe benefits are some of the best around.

The library is expanding despite Berggren's attempt to stunt it. We currently have 550 different periodicals, and new books are arriving weekly.

His comment on the old buildings was partly correct, but much has been done besides simple "patch up jobs." Wood-Mar Hall has had extensive remodeling in the last three years in order that we, and future students, can enjoy some "stateliness" on our campus.

I trust this provides Berggren with some answers, and I would like to give him more. The building fund is not only for a new sports complex, but is also for a fine arts/chapel complex. This is a \$3.7 million project out of an estimated \$10 million master plan. The new complexes are merely the first of the expansion priorities because they are the most needed at this time. As our athletic program and fine arts program expands, they are going to need new facilities. The remainder of the 10-year master plan calls for an addition to the library, two new academic buildings, two additions to the Commons, four new student housing areas, and scenic additions such as picnic areas, study areas, paths along Hess Canyon, and a natural amphitheater.

George Fox College is one of the fastest growing small colleges in the nation, with an expected enrollment of 1,000 students by 1985. The need for expanding the facilities is apparent; the action starts now!

Students are involved in the fund-raising program because some of them have a real pride in George Fox, and have faith that our college can grow and continue growing in the times of today, and tomorrow. The students want to show the college and outsiders they are proud and do have some stake in the future of its operation; enough to give their own money to the project.

Pledging by the students is, of course, an option, and is not going to be forced. However, it is a very good way for a student to say, "I believe in GFC and what it is doing, and trying to do. I want to support the furtherance of its purpose."

I might add that at this writing 90 pledges had been turned in with a total student contribution of over nine thousand dollars. I would like to thank those who have contributed, and those who wish they could. This kind of pride, belief, and faith in our institution is what will cause it to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Rickey  
ASCGFC President



Do you ever complain about Saga and then think you've somehow not loved your brother? Do you say "Hi, how are you?" without meaning anything and then feel guilty about being insincere? Do you, like me, put down people (always intended as humor) and then criticize yourself for it? Do you get frustrated by mountains of homework and feel even spiritually dried out? Do you see Christians hurry by someone on the way to class and wonder what Jesus died for?

Boy, I do.

Do you feel like the people around here are fakes and "community" is a put-on?

Not on your life!

I've recently been in (and am still in) one of the driest times of my life. I guess I should be spiritual and say I'm growing because of it but I'm not sure I am (when you're in a problem it doesn't feel like growth-it feels bad). But the people around here care about me!

Sure, we complain and knock each other too much, but people around here have shown me that they love me and I think that's the mark of Christians. GFC needs change but it's on the right track already. Last week's meetings were tremendous but I'd seen Jesus in you before.

I guess this is just to say thank you to the people who make up this community (no quotation marks). I love you.

Phil Smith

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CONGRATULATIONS... YOU MADE IT

# a word from the editor!

Well folks, this is it, the last *Crescent* of the year. It seems like it all has gone pretty fast, (it always does), but during these past eight months we have reached another milestone in *Crescent* history.

I believe that the *Crescent* has come a long way in becoming a college paper with quality appearance and style of writing. A few years back the *Crescent* was the laughing stock of the school and was immediately disposed of without a second glance, but now the students and faculty are taking a closer look because of the improvements made this year.

What improvements? Well take for instance the staff. Even though it is still very small, too small, (any volunteers?), we have some excellent writers with good journalistic ability. Roger Hadley, a new addition to our staff winter term has come up with some very thought provoking articles and if you know what's good for you, you'll take a look at this issue's story. Ron Mock has been keeping the communication going between the student government and the new constitution besides a few commentaries on other subjects. Dan Berggren, who plans on making writing a career, has developed a pretty well read

column around here, "Brother Brother." Dawn Carner, whose typing ability came in handy when things were tight, also has started a new column, "Things to do," which is just a list of entertaining things to do on the week-ends. We are planning on continuing this column in future *Crescents* next year. Jeff Rickey, our newly elected student body President, besides being a great encouragement to the editor, supplies the *Crescent* with many timely articles. Ken Forseth and Lois McIntyre, our sports writers have kept up to date with the latest in men's and women's sports. Judy Morris, the assistant editor, has written on many of the musical and drama productions. The paper couldn't go far without good photographers and we've got them. Bruce Timmons and Warren Koch have supplied the *Crescent* with many good pictures on sports, music, drama and other areas. The *Crescent* also has its "magic fingered" artist, Bill Trumball, who gave us all a few good laughs with his cartoons. Francis Wakhisi, gave a closer look at Africa with his "African Journal" another well read column at Fox. A special thanks must also go to the former editor Daniel Smith, with whose patience and

persistance, helped me learn what know to be a good editor. Barry and Peter Snow, the advisors. *Crescent* also deserve some credit for taking a genuine interest in the *Crescent*. One final thanks must be given to a few students who wrote letters to the Editor and those of you who read *Crescent* faithfully.

One other area of improvement is the appearance of the paper. Although it takes more time and work to make the paper look graphically good we think it deserves the best in putting out the paper which standards don't permit a slop.

Another area of improvement is the printing. You probably don't know about it, but *Crescent* switched printers from the Cascade Publishing Co. to the Sellwood Press. This saved the *Crescent* quite a bit of money.

It's been a good year for the *Crescent*. I hope next year will be just as successful. We still encourage those who would like to join the staff next year to do so. Those who would not want to be a staff member, suggestions and letters to the editor are always welcomed. See you next year!

## FRANKLY SPEAKING... by phil frank



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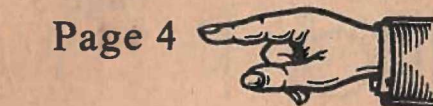
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Women's softball  
by Lois McIntyre

The Women's softball team played a double header with Portland Community College, Thursday May 8. The team worked together well during both games, and came out with a victory of 12-6 in the first game. The second game proved tough, and the team lost 15-11, after putting up a good fight.

Assistant Coach Sheryl Wunder said that almost everyone on the team got to play in the games, and everyone played and fielded well. Some of the outstanding achievements during the games were a home run by Diane Beebee in the first game, Cheryl Lawrence making two home runs in the second game, and Pam Sturtzinger making an outstanding running catch in center field. Mona and Sharla Barnett worked together to get several good plays resulting in outs against PCC. All in all, the team as a whole played well. Let's get out and support these girls in the last few weeks of the season, and cheer them on to more victories.

# brother brother



By Dan Berggren

Well, it's over now: another Deeper Life Spiritual Emphasis week at GFC is history. The speakers are gone, the group meetings are over with, and all the usual promises have been made.

I did something different during Deeper Life week: I stayed away. I attended the chapel meetings, of course, but I opted to forget the rest of the services. I did this to see how they were effecting the people around me. I wanted to see from the outside if Deeper Life was a real thing, and if so, whether it was worth bothering about after it was over.

The first change the day after the speakers went home, I noticed was that people who hadn't bothered to speak to me since last fall, were smiling as they passed me around campus, or even saying hello and stopping to talk, but this had happened last year too, and so I wrote it off as part of the "Deeper Life Hangover" and decided to enjoy it while it lasted. And then, a week or so flew by. The general euphoria died down, the friendliness slowed up, and the prayer meetings experienced their first drop-outs. One day somebody sat down next to me while I was eating lunch. I asked him how things were going, and he stopped, put down his fork and said, "Everything's fine, Dan...thank you for asking me."

Surprised, I pointed out that I always asked anyway; no thanks were needed. He nodded, quietly at me, and said, "Sure....I know you do, but you always mean it. You aren't asking just to pass the time away, you really seem to care."

His comment set me to wondering just how long something like Deeper Life week really lasts here. Basically, I think that the week is a good thing in itself, and it's effects on us bears good results in our lives, but there are some things that need thinking about if the intended spiritual emphasis is to do us any lasting good.

The main thing that has occurred to me, is that Deeper Life week isn't long enough. There is only so much time to listen, watch and share, until the final wrap-up occurs and everybody goes home.

I wish that there was some sort of spiritual emphasis center here on campus. I am aware that the Chaplain's office serves largely in this capacity right now, but I'm thinking along the lines of an open counseling center, with its own staff, somewhere in the campus. It's worth thinking about.

The other thing on my mind was more along personal lines. Spiritual "highs" are wonderful things in themselves, but as mentioned before, they seem to evaporate just as soon as you run into a rough spot. Keep in mind that a blessing from God isn't just an end in itself, but rather the beginning of a growing period in your life with Him. Sometimes it seems that you wake up the day after a spiritual high with clenched teeth and the fear that you'll never pull through the morning. Accept the trial for what it is--a testing from God to see what use His blessings are in your life--and you'll discover fairly quickly that His yoke really is easy, and His burden really is light. And understanding that is what Deeper Life is really all about.



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# from BAD to GOOD

BY TERRY KEEGAN

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Everyone has a different view of what a Christian college should be like. The sheltered atmosphere we share here as students of George Fox means something entirely different to each one of us. As individuals, we formulate ideas and opinions about types of situations in our own way; and these opinions are unique in every respect.

When I first arrived here I was surprised at what I found; or, to be more exact, what I didn't find. I had an idea of what life should "be like" at a Christian college, but Fox didn't seem to pass any of the requirements I had previously set down in my mind. I figured that a Christian college was a place where level-headed people all lived together in a toned-down and mellow Christian atmosphere. What I found was an aura that wasn't much different than the "outside world," with the exception of a strong negative attitude on the part of most students concerning the use of marijuana, tobacco, alcohol, and indulgence in all forms of sexual immorality. What I had, basically, was a group of people that was in no way different than any other group, except that they all seemed to share a common definition of what "morality" is. How could it be, I reasoned, that these people could show such little love towards one another, yet claim to be members of a God-centered Christian community?

It wasn't until a few weeks later that I began to accept the students here as themselves and tolerate the things that were unchangeable in their personalities. When I did this, my outlook on the school changed from bad to good, and "my kind of people" began to spring up all around me. I no longer had to attend Bible studies and ask those present to pray for me because I didn't think that I could "relate" to the rest of the student body.

This college has meant a lot to me. I've built some strong friendships that will last a long time; and I've watched others that I thought were strong crumble right before me. I've learned a lot about people; and what motivates them to act as they do. And I've learned a great deal about God, and what motivates Him to act as he does in our lives.

But I don't think this school began to appear "mellow" to me until I changed. I believe that in order to actually grasp the entirety of something, a person has to bend a little. That's why I feel that those who leave here with bitter feelings towards the school are probably those who have refused to put forth a legitimate effort aimed at making the college more "livable" for themselves. One person cannot change the status-quo, but he can change himself!

R.F. Stevens  
Jeweler



things to do!!!



by DAWN CARNER

FUN THINGS TO DO

Ice Skating: Both Lloyd Center and Jantzen Beach rinks are recommended.

Doobey Brothers concert on Saturday night at the Coliseum.

Mama Maria's Pizza, go across the Ross Island Bridge and follow Powell to 21st Street. It is there on the corner. 3218 SE 21st, Portland. The Canadian and the Combination pizzas are highly recommended.

A good Saturday afternoon activity is to visit the zoo and OMSI in Portland.

If none of these activities particularly strike you as what you'd like to do tonight, try this one. Go spend some time in the lobby of the Benson Hotel watching people, then go to the Hilton Hotel and ride to the 23rd floor and look at the city, topping it off by sitting on a bench on Broadway and watching the high school kids drag Broadway.

May 16

"Our Cup Runneth Over Sale" An and crafts sale at Cedar Hills Chr Church, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

May 16 and 17

"George M," Lake Oswego Comm Theatre, 8:30 p.m.

May 17

Sellwood Day, along Sellwood an row, pancake breakfast and sausage ner, flea market, antique cars on view dancing in the evening. 10:00 a.m. to p.m.

Kurt Vonnegut's "Between Time Timbuktu" a combination of "Cat's dle" and "Welcome to the Mo House," Caroline Berg Swarm Au rium, 8:00 p.m.

Richard Strauss "Salome," Civic A torium, 8:30.

Quilt raffle, food fair, and a demonstrations highlight an arts festi Chehalem school, 15555 SW Davis Beaverton, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 18

The Bavarian Symphony Orchestr Munich, Civic Auditorium, 8:00 Tickets 7.50, 6.50, 5.50 and 4.50.

"You know I can't hear you when water is running" Clackamas Comm College Theatre Department, McLou Hall Theatre, 2:30 p.m.

Woodcuts and water colors exhibit, Art Gallery, 1633 SW Alder.

"Giants, Trolles and Ogres," Zoo l cation Building 2:00 p.m.

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# A LOOK AT: GRADUATION

## AND TRADITION



As happens every year, there are some people leaving the school this year who have accomplished what they came to GFC for, and who will not be returning next fall. These people are called seniors, and in a couple of weeks they will be called alumni. But to make this transformation official they must go through a traditional ceremony called graduation or commencement.

This year's commencement ceremony will pretty much follow the traditional format, except this year it will be held Saturday, the 31st, a week later than usual. It will be a full day for the seniors, beginning with the President's breakfast at 8:00, then Baccalaureate at 10:30, and finally Commencement at 2:00 at Newberg High. The speaker will be Keith Miller, author of "A Taste of New Wine."

Graduation is a very strong part of academic tradition, and I imagine it has changed little since my father graduated from here years ago. Tradition is something we'll always have with us, and it gives needed order and structure to many things. But as Christians we should be more critical of traditions than what most people would be. After all, Jesus was a tradition breaker of the first order. There is certainly nothing sacred about man's traditions, and when they play such a big part of our lives, particularly in church and school, we should examine them carefully and be flexible to changes that will allow us to live a life closer to Christ's, even though we might have to break a few traditions.

In light of this, this year's seniors tried

to change the format of graduation into something more like a time of sharing and communicating the treasures of God, rather than the standard ceremony of paying a large sum to a special speaker and of awarding worldly honors. But they ran into a rather unyielding mass of already made plans, tradition, and "this is the way it is" from the administration. The administration can't really be blamed, though, since the seniors didn't act on their ideas until a few months ago, while graduation planning started when the seniors were sophomores. The fact that they didn't know anything about it points out a sad lack of communication somewhere.

So what's the moral of the story? I suppose it would be both a warning and a challenge. A warning to the students at GFC to think and plan ahead, especially if major changes are to be made. Ideally, students and administration should be in enough unity of the spirit to make decisions unanimously and with a minimum of hassle. We're moving in that direction, but still a long way off, and considering the present state of this progress, the four years any student has here at GFC is barely enough time to get change started, let alone carried out. The challenge would be directed to the administration to not be afraid to change a few things and break a few traditions. GFC should be different from other schools. We should be striving for Christ's standards and principles, not being afraid to differ from other schools that are following the world's standards and principles.

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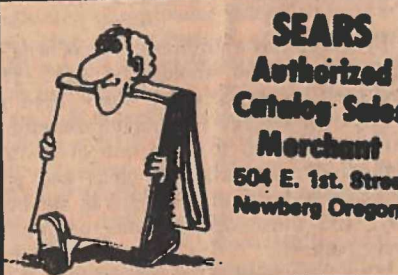
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**Do I Believe ?**

by Francis  
Wakhisi

This question was asked me by one of the students on campus. It was challenging, first it sounded as a joke, but after a moment I thought, yes, why do I believe in God?

All my life I have come to know and believe in Jesus Christ. I have always tried to follow his teachings. I believe in him because he rose from the dead and he lives again. I believe in him because he fulfilled his promise that he would send another comforter. I believe in him because he has got so many promises for me which I have yet to receive. I believe in him because of his good works he did and which he still continues to do in the Holy Spirit. I believe because he saved me.

But why do I believe in God? Is it enough to know God by believing in His son Jesus Christ? Is it enough to know Him by hearing stories about His wonderful creation work of which I am one? Is God, as his Son, a reality to me now? Is he a mystery, where does he live? These are not new questions to Christians. But just sit down and ask yourself sincerely why you do believe in God!

God may be existing; but not in you. If you are dead, then God is dead to you. There are so many scriptural quotations to tell us why we believe in God. But this one is more real. You may know it and trust that it is the truth. You may even "believe" that it is true.

This statement is simple and yet we have stumbled over it to seek for God elsewhere. "God is Love." So simple and yet so meaningless to the blind in the Spirit. God's name is LOVE. Simple isn't it? And yet so hard to understand. The scriptures clearly say that "love your neighbor as yourself." To love is not to smile at your neighbors, it is not only saying "hi!", it is not standing for an older person to sit or a lady or a superior person. It is not sending a Christmas Card or a valentine Card or inviting someone for dinner or going "bike-riding" together or buying a rose flower for your neighbor or giving your neighbor an old shirt or a dress you don't fit anymore. "God is Love." Love is laying your life down for your brothers. That's love and that's God.

If you are in "Love" you are in "God" because Jesus Christ came to show us that one who is true and we are in Him. (1 John 4:7-8) "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

I believe in God because He is real. His reality is the love that he had for me so much so that He sent to me His beloved Son in whom all things are made perfect and true. In whom all the creation of God was manifested. To know Jesus Christ is to know the Love of God. To know His love is to know Him. He is real because His love is at work in me. 1 John 4:13 "By this I know that I abide in Him, and He in me, because He has given me of His Spirit which is His love. I know He lives in me because I can testify that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The only way you can find God is to testify Jesus Christ and "LOVE".

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

George Fox sometimes seems a little backwater in the world of colleges. It sometimes appears as if the whole world could break up into tiny pieces, and no one at George Fox would know about it until the term was over and everyone went home. We live in a peaceful and often insulated world here at GFC, paying little attention to the outside world and receiving little from it.

You would expect this college to be so far behind the times in the field of educational trends that people from other bigger and more "with it" schools would look at us with total disdain. What else could you expect from a backwater school like George Fox?

But, strangely enough, that's not how it is at all. In its own quiet, unassuming way, George Fox is setting a pace that very few schools can even hope to keep up with.

This is especially true of the educational climate and environment of our school. This includes relations between students, faculty and administration; the availability of student input into faculty and administrative decisions; the effectiveness of student government; and now the close cooperation that students are inviting with the faculty and the administration.

Jeff Rickey and I have been discovering that things that we consider commonplace and beneficial here at George Fox are radical new concepts practically everywhere else. The close cooperation between students, faculty and administration is a very good example. We have had students sitting on faculty and administrative committees for years. This is a right that only very recently has been granted to some of our larger neighbors, including the Univer-

sity of Oregon, and then only after turmoil and hard feelings.

But what must be surprising outside of George Fox looking in the students now, without any pressure from either faculty or action, inviting the faculty to participate in student committees. I know that something that they can't fathom they sent reporters out here to inquire how such a thing could happen.

When I first heard that reporter from the Oregon Journal and Channel coming to interview us about constitution, I couldn't believe it. I think there was anything in constitution noteworthy enough to draw state-wide attention. I came to a tentative conclusion that it was a committee structure, which most George Fox had considered a revolutionary thing in the new constitution. So I was surprised when it was obvious that what they were interested in was the inclusion of faculty members on our student committees. But I have been.

When Jeff came back from his conventions in Los Angeles and San Antonio, D.C., he mentioned something very interesting: even among Christian colleges, other schools of problems with communication: faculty, administration, and students of hassles they were struggling successfully to solve were things solved long ago or never had any with in the first place.

How is it that quiet little George College should be such a leader in the collegiate world? I believe that because we are so small and quiet mostly because the people are dedicated not to serving their own so much as serving the interests of the spirit of love and understanding. Uncommonly strong here, we have a tightly-knit and warm community of students first, faculty, administrators second.

So, a little pat on our own back. But remember, there are two ways to measure any type of progress which must be used at the same time. We are to get an accurate picture of how we are doing. These standards are (1) how far we have come from where everyone was and (2) how far we have yet to go where God wants us to be.

By the first standard, we are doing well. How about the second standard? Consider it prayerfully.

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